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## Down With the Taxes.

A friend of ours from Hardwick's Creek, one day this week, coming into town with his team besmattered all over with yellow mud, remarked when he saw us that the road he had traveled over was a sample of the turnpikes "Johnny Burghy" was going to build last winter.

We plead guilty. We were always for good roads so strong that we did last year bring in every conceivable argument to get the bonds voted to build them with, confidently expecting the court to do as it promised—co-operate with the people and build them. But since then we have learned, we think, why some people were so anxious to get the bonds voted, and, seeing that with the bonds, roads are farther off than ever, we are moved to remark that it is our opinion now that never again will we be in favor of the county incurring any form of indebtedness unless we see in advance what we are getting, and never favor high taxes, for it is plain to be seen that we get no more when taxes are high than we do when taxes are low.

Then we say "down with our taxes" and let the people, by private subscription, build their own roads just like they have to do when the taxes are high.

## Mrs. Skidmore Dies Suddenly.

Mrs. Elizabeth Skidmore died very suddenly at the home of her brother, Wm. Shinnfessel, on Little Hardwick's Creek, some time last night. Death was due to heart trouble of which she had been a long sufferer. At the time of going to press we are unable to learn of the funeral arrangements. Mrs. Skidmore's husband, who was a former policeman at Clay City, died several years ago.

## Electric Headlights for L. & N.

Everybody remembers the beautiful dazzling headlights the old L. & N. engines used to have, and so have we all noticed the dim oil-burning lamps that took their place when the L. & N. took charge. The L. & N., we learn, is now to equip their engines with these beautiful lights as they are from time to time sent to the shops for repairs.

## Six-Dollar Corn.

J. B. Eaton, who each year raises considerable corn, has refused an offer of \$6.00 per barrel for all the corn he will put on board the cars at Clay City. Having a use for the greater portion of his crop, he has declined the offer. Such prices are bound to keep the cost of living still up in the air.

## Card of Thanks.

To all the good people of Clay City who so patiently and kindly ministered to the aid of dear one, little Aileen Vaughn Shinnfessel, in the sad hour of sickness, death, and bereavement, we desire to extend our sincerest thanks and trust that the same devotion of friendship may be manifest in similar ordeals of our friends.

THE FAMILY.

## Want Depot.

The people interested in a depot at Harg, a station in Estill county, eight miles from Irvine, on the W. & I. branch of the L. & N., are circulating a petition to have a depot built at that place.

There is no depot on this new line from Irvine to Winchester, and persons going to Harg are compelled, when trains are late, to seek accommodations from neighbors, and often when trains at night are late—and there is no way telling how late a train may be—passengers must stand in the cold and rain waiting the coming of the train. And to get the accommodation of a depot passengers would have to go eight miles to Irvine, or come eight miles to Clay City.

This depot would be of value to many Clay City folks, as they frequently must go to Harg to make certain connections or else be away from home several hours longer to make the trip, and, when we must go, it would suit us to have a depot to rest in while waiting for the train, especially when it happens to be a night train and it is late, and it is cold or raining.

## Henry Wiseman Passes Away.

Henry Wiseman died at his home on Calloway's creek, Jan. 19, and was buried Sunday at the David Adams graveyard. Deceased is survived by his wife and ten children, among them being Mrs. C. P. McIntosh, of this city, who with her family, attended the burial.

## Gets New Boiler.

J. B. Eaton has installed another boiler in the place of the old one at his combined saw mill and grist mill. He will soon be ready to do custom grinding and crushing for the public, or saw your lumber as formerly.

## To the Democratic Voters of Powell County:

In making my announcement for the office of Sheriff, I will make a few remarks in regard to same.

I am a son of the late Judge L. G. Wills, and was born and reared in Powell county. I will make two promises should I be elected to the office which I aspire. 1st, I will execute my duty. 2nd, I will not take one drink of whiskey in Powell county during my term of office. Realizing that I would be more competent to serve the people, and for self-interest, I make this promise.

There will be some criticism as to my age. I will be thirty years old before election day. I consider it essential to have some youth to properly execute the duty imposed on one in this office.

As to who my deputy would be, POSITIVELY I have made no promises.

Hoping that you will give me due consideration, and on Aug. 14th make me the Democratic nominee, I am,

Yours for success,

F. C. WILLS.

Rosslyn, Ky., Jan. 20th, '17.

## Candidates, Take Notice.

Kentucky's corrupt practices act, a product of the 1916 General Assembly, limits candidates for office in the amount of money they may spend in making a race. It is not so much in the smaller counties as in the larger ones. In Powell county the amount to spend in any race can not exceed \$1,000. State Senators can not spend more than \$500, while Representatives are limited to \$350. It would be wise for candidates and prospective candidates to be sparing in their expenditures in the beginning of the campaign, that they may have a reserve later in the race when it is always worst needed. But, by the way, remember that none of this money can now be legally spent to buy votes.

## Getting Well.

Ben Mastin, of Waltersville, who hovered between life and death for a number of weeks last summer, after being brought from Cincinnati in what was then thought to be the last stages of tuberculosis, has so far recovered as to be able to walk about his home, and bids fair to completely recover. This will be glad news for his many friends.

## Next Will be the Advertising.

City Tax Collector C. P. McIntosh has given the delinquent taxpayers of Clay City a final warning before levying and selling property for the collection of tax due the city. Claude is in earnest about this, so to avoid further trouble it will be best for the delinquents to see the Collector and pay up.

## Ground Hog Day.

Tomorrow will be ground hog day and we are anxiously awaiting his prognostications. If it is a very cloudy day, from sun till sun, we will have the happy knowledge that Mr. Ground Hog is out to enjoy the temperate weather of Spring that he is supposed to know is at hand.

## House Destroyed by Fire.

John Tipton's house on Upper Hardwick's creek took fire Saturday morning and burned, together with most of the contents. Teams were in the city Tuesday and got a supply of lumber to rebuild this house.

## Federal Aid.

Kentucky will receive from the Government \$192,943 this year, being this State's share of Federal Aid to roads. This money will be spent, it now seems, on national highways, instead of on mail routes as primarily intended.

## In Serious Condition.

Mrs. Harvey Handy, a daughter of Mrs. T. S. Curtis, was brought from Lombard Tuesday in a very serious condition and taken to the home of her mother on Snow creek.

## Catches Hawks in Steel Traps.

Joel Mountz last week caught two chicken hawks in steel traps, one measuring 24 inches from tip to tip, while the other one measured 50 inches.

## Death of W. F. Goosey.

Mr. W. F. Goosey, aged 88 years, died Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Abram Merritt, following an illness of about four months, of nephritis.

Mr. Goosey was a widower and is survived by seven children, five sons and two daughters. Messrs. Frank, John, George, Warren and Ben Goosey, of Clark county; Mrs. Carrie Merritt, of Ford, and Mrs. Polly King, of Lexington.

The funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at the grave in the Log Lick cemetery where the body was interred.—Winchester Sun.

Mr. Goosey formerly lived in Clay City with his son, A. R. Goosey, deceased, where he was well-known.

## Boyle the Banner County.

The Sheriff of Boyle county has succeeded in collecting every penny of tax due in that county and has announced there will be no sale of land for taxes this year. This is the first time in the history of Kentucky that a county has been able to make such a report, which entitles the county to bear the distinction of being the banner county from at least the prompt payment of all taxes.

## Local Brevities

A. T. Whitt spent a short time this week in the oil fields about Furnace.

Dr. Easter is at Irvine this week combining business with pleasure.

Mrs. L. F. Mann, of Elkatawa, is visiting old friends in the city this week.

Oscar Stuart, of Missouri, has returned to Kentucky and moved into the C. C. Eaton property.

S. A. Easter, of Ravenna, was here one day last week to see his father, Dr. Albert Easter.

L. P. Keith is in Cincinnati this week on business for his concern—Brodhead-Garrett Company.

D. R. Daniel purchased and shipped another car load of hogs and cattle to Cincinnati this week.

Mr. White, father of Will White, has purchased the T. B. Ballard property in the western portion of the city.

Mrs. Belle Lyle, of Missouri, was here last week to visit her mother at Vaughn's Mill and other relatives in the county.

Pat Henry, of Heidelberg, is visiting friends in the city this week. He is off duty at present suffering from a badly mashed hand.

Mrs. Sarah Shinnfessel is very low at her home on Hardwick's creek, and owing to her advanced age, it is feared she cannot recover.

There will be a short course given in highway engineering at State University from Feb. 5 to 10. The course will be free for anyone desiring to attend.

## STANTON.

(By P. O. Derthick.)

John Creed was at Torrent on business this week.

J. T. Adams preached at Boonville this past Sunday.

Mrs. Will Miller and son of the Furnace visited recently at the home of Miss Margaret Lyle.

Dr. Johnson was called to Slade Saturday to see the family of Will Ledford, several of whom are sick.

Mrs. Fred Ware and baby, of Winchester, are visiting the home folks—Mr. and Mrs. Ide Boone, this week. Fred is on a business trip.

Mrs. Lydia Daniel of Stanton and Mrs. Lawrence Knox of Nada, attended the funeral of their little nephew, Alwood Baker, who died at Campton Junction, Thursday, of scarlet fever.

Ben Sewell, who has been in the hospital at Lexington where he underwent an operation for a fistula, stopped off here over night last Friday, and, accompanied by his wife and daughter, went on home to Jackson Saturday.

We are informed that D. R. Clark and family will move to their new farm in Shelby county the first of March. We shall regret to see them go, but wish them success in their new location. I will be remembered that Mr. Clark and Ivis Conlee recently purchased this farm. Mr. Conlee will also move his family there at the same time.

Many people in Stanton will remember C. L. Stewart, who is a brother of A. T. Stewart, and who was a salesman for the Arbuckle Coffee Co. He is at the point of death with consumption at his home in Jackson. The writer visited there last week. Mr. Stewart's daughter Edith attended Stanton college one year. We regret very much to know of Mr. Stewart's sickness, as he is a splendid man.

The following young people took the county school diploma examination last Friday and Saturday, before the County Board composed of the Superintendent, Mrs. Kate Bohannon; Mrs. Walter Thacker, and Guy M. Crowe, and these were examined: Troy Proffit, Regent Snowden, Holt Derickson, Nancy Atkinson, Mattie Brashear, Anna Daniel, Alice Daniel, Colson Blackburn, Mildard Hall, Nora Ewen, Otis Faulkner and Tunis Robbins.

Richard Crowe will preach at the Christian church the second Sunday in Feb.—the 11th day. His subject for the morning will be "Sowing and Reaping", and for evening "Lost and Found." He desires that all the members and others that can be present as he has spent considerable time in preparing these sermons. Let us give him a splendid crowd to hear him. Richard is now attending Berea College where he is taking a special course in Bible work.